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April 30, 1997

Mr. M. Wadley  
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Minneapolis, MN 55401

SUBJECT: NRC PRAIRIE ISLAND SECURITY INSPECTION REPORTS 50-282/97007  
(DRS); 50-306/97007(DRS)

Dear Mr. Wadley:

On April 8, 1997, the NRC completed an onsite inspection at your Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant. Additional in-office inspection was completed and Mr. Hutchinson of your staff notified that there were no additional findings on April 28, 1997. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

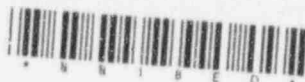
Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, and interviews with personnel.

The objective of the inspection effort was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

No violations of NRC requirements were noted in the areas inspected. The Vehicle Barrier System was effectively implemented. The NRC did however identify that a portion of the Vehicle Barrier System did not have a completed engineering analysis.

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Sincerely,

/s/ Melvyn Leach (for)

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